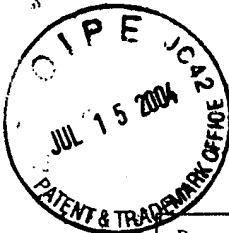
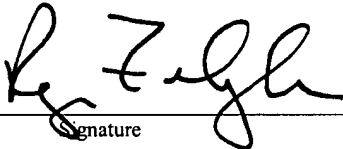


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 11, 2004

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2004, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including July 12, 2004. A fee in the amount of \$420.00 for a two-month extension of time is included. Applicants note that July 11, 2004 was a Sunday and that Monday, July 12,

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